1	2	3
15.	Spain	11
16.	Switzerland	11
17.	Taiwan	13
18.	Thailand	374
19	U.K.	101
20.	U.S.A.	677
21.	Others	1169
	Total	3416

[English]

Bonus to Indian Rare Earths Employees

814. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of that the Indian Rare Earths employees Chavara, Kerala demanding higher bonus;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the loss suffered due to strike in IRE;

(d) whether any discussion has been conducted by management with Trade Unions; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The employees of the Chavara Unit of Indian Rare Earths Limited (IRE) went on strike w.e.f. 22.8.1996. Around 70% of the employees resumed work on 4.11.1996 and the remaining employees reported for duty on 19.11.1996.

(c) The loss in production during the period of strike is estimated to be about 29000 MT of minerals valued at around Rs. 15.00 crore.

(d) and (e) Meetings were conducted on 9.10.1996 and 1.11.1996 with the unions in the presence of the Honourable Labour Minister and the Honourable Industry Minister of Government of Kerala as a result of which 70% of the employees of two unions resumed work on 4.11.1996.

Electricity Amendment Act

815. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government proposed to bring amendments in the Electricity Act to privatise transmission and distribution of power; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The existing private power policy allows private sector participation in electricity generation, supply and distribution. The response of the private sector for setting up of generation projects has been encouraging. However, ways and means for promoting greater private participation in the field of transmission and distribution are under examination.

[Translation]

Employment

816. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the schemes of the Central Government for providing employment in urban areas currently under implementation;

(b) the names of such schemes being implemented in Delhi; and

(c) the number of people given employment in Delhi through these schemes during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment is implementing two Centrally sponsored schemes namely Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Povery Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) for providing employment in urban areas. A detailed note on each scheme is given in Statement.

(b) The scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME), a component of NRY, is being implemented in Delhi since October, 1989.

(c) No beneficiary benefitted under the Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) in Delhi during the last year i.e. 1995-96.

STATEMENT

Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP)

Recognising the seriousness and complexity of urban poverty problems, especially in the small towns where the situation is more grave due to lack of resources for planning their environment and development, the PMI UPEP has been launched in November, 1995.